

## Message Text

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SUBJ: U.S. STEEL

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1. IRAQ WILL SOON COMMISSION TWO DIRECT-REDUCTION SPONGE-IRON UNITS AT THE KHOR AL-ZUBAIR INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX NEAR BASRAH. WITH AN ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY OF 450,000 AND 750,000 TONS, THE UNITS ARE BEING SUPPLIED AND ERECTED BY CREUSOT-LOIRE OF FRANCE, WITH PRCESS TECHNOLOGY FROM PULLMAN-SWINDELL. THE SMALLER UNIT WILL FEED A 400,000 TON CAPACITY STEEL MILL PRODUCING BARS, ANGLES, ETC. THE LARGER UNIT WILL PRODUCE FOR EXPORT UNTIL A PROPOSAL FOR A PLATE MILL IS EVALUATED.

2. WHEN THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH CREUSOT-LOIRE WAS SIGNED, IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE SPONGE-IRON PLANT'S CAPACITY WOULD SUBSEQUENTLY BE INCREASED TO 3 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY; HOWEVER, IN THE LIGHT OF REVISION OF IRAQ'S FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE EXPANSION PROJECT WAS SHELVED.

3. THE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM THE STATE ORGANIZATION FOR ENGINEERING INDUSTRIES (SOEI) SUGGESTS THAT GOI INTEREST AT THIS STAVGE IS ACADEMIC. SOEI SUPERVISES THE OPERATIONS OF PRODUCING PLANTS. NEW OR EXPANDED INSTALLATIONS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE STATE ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIAL  
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DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (SOIDC), UNDER THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIES AND MINERALS.

4. USINT COMMERCIAL OFFICERS WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH U.S. STEEL REPRESENTATIVES WHEN THEY COME TO BAGHDAD.  
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